

Regulatory authority for bio-technology sector

2834. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to set up an independent regulatory authority to bolster biotechnology sector for increasing more investment in the country;
- (b) if so, by when it will be set up; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation had submitted a Note for Cabinet for setting up of National Bio-technology Regulatory Authority (NBRA) and resubmitted a revised Note for Cabinet after the proposal was considered by the Committee of Secretaries (COS). The Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation is taking necessary follow up as per the recommendations of COS. Therefore no specific time frame can be committed at this moment.

Provision of reservation for SC/ST in Judiciary

†2835. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to provide reservation to the people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the country's judicial service;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) There is no All India Judicial Service as Judicial Officers are recruited at State level Recruitment to the State Judicial Service is the responsibility of the State Government including appointment of SC/ST etc.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.